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### **VALUES OF CROPS** FOR YEAR OF 1915 SET NEW RECORD

Estimates Are Placed at Nearly Six Billion Dollars.

Corn and Wheat Crops Most Valuable Ever Raised.

### FINAL ESTIMATES FOR YEAR

Department Agriculture Bases Figures on Dec. 1 Prices.

crease Over Last Year.

Washington. Dec. 15.—This year's principal farms crops were worth \$6.568,773,000 at December 1 farm prices, the department of agriculture and nounced today in its final estimate and nounced today in its final estimate and the Silvers of crop production and values.

Go Adequate, Efficient Navy.

Go Adequate, or not review of crop production and values. That compares with \$4,973,527,000 last year, \$4,965,497,000 in 1913 and \$4,757,458,000 in 1912.

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With the wheat crop passing the billion-bushel mark for the first time in the nation's history, corn production reaching a three billion bushel total for the second time, and record crops of cats, barley, rye, sweet potation exching a three billion bushel total for the second time, and record crops of cats, barley, rye, sweet potation exching a first point of the second time, and record crops of cats, barley, rye, sweet potation exching a first point of the second time, and record crops of cats, barley, rye, sweet potation and rices, the year has been no extraordinary one for farming.

Prices paid farmers for some crops have been higher than in other years because of the European war and as a result the value of some of the crops is the largest ever recorded.

Individual Values.

The value this year of each crop, based on its farm price on December 1. With last year's value, the record value of each crop, and the year it with last year's value, the record value of each crop, and the year it was produced, is announced as follows:

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 15,—The south has a vital interest in maintenance in the park of the counter of the south take any chances so we had them separated, "explained George Beuoy of Cedar Vale, president of the state federation.

Birds From Frisco.

Probably the most interesting birds on exhibition at the auditorium are in the flock of prize-winning capons brought from the Panama-Pacific exposition poultry show in San Francisco than any state in the union. Awards were given to 136 fowls and forty-seven of

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Corn	755 830 000	\$1,722,070,000	\$1,722,070,000	191
Winter wheat	600 010 000	675,623,000	675,623,000	191
Spring wheat	368,200,000	203.057.000		191
All wheat	930,302,000	878,680,000	575,680,000	191
Oats	955,569,000	459.431.000	490,431,000	191
Barley	122,400,000	105,903,000	139,182,000	191
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Ruckwheat	12,408,000	12,892,000		186
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Hier	26.212.000	21,849,000	23,423,000	191
Potatoes	221.104.000	198,609,000	227,000,000	191
Sweet potators	46,081,000	41,294,000	42.884,000	191
Hay	912,320,000	779,008,000	\$56,095,000	1913
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Sugar beets	35,500,000	20,438,000		-
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Other Details.

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News dispatches on Tuesday reported Bulgarian troops had crossed the feontier between Serbia and Greece in pursuit of the retiring British and Freuch forces.

### **GERMANS SHOOT DOWN 4** ALLIED AIRSHIPS: AIRMEN **BLAST ENGLISH STEAMER** SERBS PURSUED FARTHER

Berlin, Dec. 15.—Four allied aeroplanes, including one battle plane with two motors, were brought down by German anti-aircraft guns, the war office announced today, during raids on Bapaume and Peronne, in France and Mullhelm Baden.

A successful attack on an English steamship was made by German aviators.

lish steamship was made by ser-man aviators.

In the Balkan campaign the re-treating Serbians are being pur-sued farther. Southwest of Plevije, in northern Montenegro, they were driven across the Tara river and farther east, across the Grab-Broderovo line, several hun-dred prisoners were taken.

## More Than Billion Dollar In- SHIPS FOR SOUTH

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arm products, such as minor crops a merchant marine, for the bulk of and animals and animal products, will these crops must find their markets pring the year's total to about \$10,-

### KEEP BIRDS APART Lansing Note

Belligerent Nationalities Show Up at Poultry Show.

Teutons and Allies Are Separated at the Auditorium.

### CAN'T TELL WHAT WILL HAPPEN

"We Played Safe," Says President of State Federation.

Two Birds From West Indies Have No Feathers.

Militarism has crept into the show of the Kansas State Poultry Federation now being held at the city auditorium. And it's all because some German, Russian and French birds were entered. In order to keep peace in the show and be sure than the Christmas spirit now prevalent would not be shattered E. E. Heldt of Topeka, superintendent of the show, and the White Crested Black Polish fowls, a Russian breed, and the

were first prizes. In Pre [Continued on Page Eight]

## THIS IS THE LIMIT!

Kansas Movie Censors Place Ban on Charlie Chaplin.

Personal Prejudice Deprives Thousands of Enjoyment.

Washington, Dec. 15.—House—Met at noon.—Miscellaneous business considered. Ways and means committee submits majority report urging a year's extension of emergency revenue law.

Senate—In adjournment.

Judiciary committee set Friday for hearing Representative Buchanan's impeachment charges ngainst United States Attorney Marshall Adjourned at 2:13 p. m. until noon Thursday.

# of Protest Is Given French

Washington, Dec. 15.—Ambassador Sharp, at Paris, is expected to deliver to the French foreign office today the American note asking for the immediate release of the six Germans and Austrians recently removed by the French cruiser Descartes from the American steamships Carolina, Coame and San Juan.

The communication is an emphatic protest against the removal of the men which act, it is declared, was in flagrant violation of American rights and without legal justification. Precedents are cited in support of the American position.

The note was cabled to Ambas-sador Sharp yesterday by Secre-tary Lansing after it had been ap-proved by President Wilson and the cabinet.

Publication of the text of the communication will await notice of its presentation to the French foreign office.

# **GET BANDIT BAND**

Police and Army Authorities Take Mexico City Gang.

have just arrested a band of bandits plice

## WILLARD SIGNS UP

## TO ADVERTISERS

All advertising copy for Friday's State Journal must be in this office by

### FRANCE'S WAR SCANDAL SHAKES HIGH PLACES

Deputy Simyan Hurls Vitriolic Speech in Chamber.

War Ministry Accused of Buying of Pseudo-Patriots.

### **GRAFT IN SUPPLY PURCHASE**

M. Millerand Accused of Covering Up Facts.

Session Is Thrown Into Turmoil by Denunciation.

Paris, Dec. 15 .- (Delayed) -- During he debate in the chamber today evere criticism was made of relations the government. It was asserted t ministry had dealt with persons who Take Mexico City Gang.

Sole occupation hitherto had consisted in frequenting pleasure resorts at night and there picking up customers. These persons, it was said, were regarded as unworthy to furnish shoes, clothing and cannon. Deputy Julien-Antoine Simyan said this was scandained and military authorities in Mexico City and occupation hitherto had consist

who have been masquerading as army officers and committing many robberies in the capital. This is reported in a cablegram received by the Mexical consulate here today.

The story is that the bandits had obtained money and valuables valued at a million dollars, the last few weeks, and that most of it was recovered following the arrests.

For weeks, says the message, the bandits cluded arrest through the agency of forged warrants, which showed them to be army officers.

Two policemen were wounded during the battle which resulted in the arrest.

Excessive Prices Paid.

M. Simyan asserted proper precautions had not been taken and that excessive prices had been paid for supplies. He then referred to certain papers in regard to dealings with an acroplane company, which he said, could not be found at the ministry of war.

An attack was then made by M. Simyan upon those who are conducting for private gain enterprise described as charitable. One woman, he said, had been condemned twenty-one times for this offense, but was still operating, notwithstanding the fact the first magistrate of the republic had demanded that her activities be ended.

The gang is said to have been composed of thirteen men who had five women accomplices.

Another abuse, the deputy continued, consisted in paying large sums on account, in violation of the usual procedure, when contracts for supplies Vast Sums Advanced.

nished by a man named Debray, who, according to the deputy's information, received a fantastic commission. Inquiry now has developed the fact, he continued, that this intermediary was no other than the Marquis Crevecoeur, former associate of Henry Rochette, who fied to Mexico after being convicted and sent to prison on the charge of swindling.

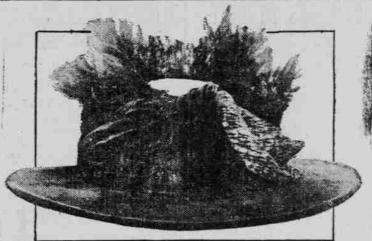
M. Millerand Accused. In the purchase of horses alone, M. Simyan declared, commissions amounting to several million francs have been paid. He said Inspector Gaillard of the army, had demanded a searching investigation. An inquiry was ordered, he continued, but the commission which controls government purchases took the ground that of the facts were known they would RAIN OR SNOW TONIGHT

No Important Change in Temperature Is Expected Until Some Time Tomorrow.

Tom

A great Russian battle south of Cracow was predicted. Serbian soil was clear of the enemy.
Allies tried to advance from Nieuport under cover of a fleet bombardment.

### SAILOR SHAPED HAT FOR MRS. GALT



Mrs. Norman Galt's newest hat.

The newest hat of Mrs. Norman Galt, the president's flancee, is of the popular tri-color style, the colors being black, silver and bolling green. All the material used was made in the United States, except the maline, which was made in England.

## BANKERS IN CITY ALVERSTONE DEAD

Association in Topeka.

Executive Council of Kansas Former Lord Chief Justice of England Expires.

Boundary Commission.

Discuss General Business and End Comes to Viscount After Financial Conditions. Long Illness.

MAY ENTER MARKET PROBE CENTER OF TOSS AND STORM Plans for Protection of Stock Friend of U. S. on Alaskan

War Time Prices Make Kansas Man of Many Sides and Served he regards the treatment in the note

Producer and Shipper.

Another abuse, the deputy continued, consisted in paying large sums on account, in violation of the usual procedure, when contracts for supplies were signed. He asserted that for one year officials had been discussing what action should be taken against about the contractors who ewes two million francs to the government.

M. Simyan continued his attacks on contractors, heedless of numerous deputies attempting to interrupt him. He demanded that the chamber compel Joseph Thierry, under-secretary of state for subsistence, to throw open his files bearing on these affairs, assetting that many interesting facts to subsistence, to throw open his files bearing on these affairs, assetting that many interesting facts bankers in Topeka today will probably recommend a decided change in the said 30,000 horses had been purchased for man English dealer for about 60.

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He came into prominence pefore th American public as the representative of England on the Alaskan boundar "The executive committee is in the commission. His vote in support the claims of the United State Bankers association as is a board of gave America the practical victor gave America the practical vi Many Canadians professed to be [Continued on Page Eight.]

KING MUST TAKE A REST Conditions in Crop Districts, That matters of importance to the bankers of the state would be taken up today, was generally admitted. up today, was generally admitted. Conditions in the big crop producing districts are to be considered, it was

For the production 1.15.25 colors, against 4.5.4 colors against 4.5.4 co

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—Traffic and legal executives of the Missouri trunk railways met here today to decide what attitude the railways shall take towards the passenger and freight rate increases recently authorized by the Missouri public service commission.

The commission authorizes the railroad to increase passenger rate to 2½ cents a mile on one way takets, and to 2½ cents on round trip takets, and transferable mileage books should be sold for two cents a mile.

L-22 was received from Schleswig by a Copenhagen newspaper today. It is said nearly all the forty members of the crew were killed or wounded.

St. Louis Newspaper Man Dead.
St. Louis, Dec. 15.—John E. Gorse, former Sunday editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, died at his home here today after a long illness. He worked on the Post-Dispatch continuously for twenty-five years, except for three years when he was on the New York World and the New York American.

### VIENNA RECEIVES NOTE OF THE U.S. IN GOOD SPIRIT

Austria Will Pay Indemnity for Sinking the Ancona.

Recent Note Resented by Only a Small Minority.

CRITICISM FROM Count Von Reventlow Looks

for Political Gallery Play. He Would Have Germany's

Ally Show Her Resentment. Geneva, Dec. 15 .- A dispatch from Geneva, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Vienna, received by way of Buchs, Switzerland, states that President Wilson's note to Austria, regarding the Ancona incident, has produced a profound impression in government and political circles. The note is said to be resented by a minority.

It is generally believed in Vienna, says the disputch, that Austria will

says the dispatch, that Austria will give satisfaction and will pay an in-demnity, especially as she has large interests in America. Baron yon Burian, the Austrian foreign infinis-ter, has called a special council to discuss the matter.

A Political Note.

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Berlin, Dec. 15.—Count Ernest ven Reventlew, in an article in the Tagos Zeitung says the note sent by the Inited States to Austria, regarding the Ancona case, is characterized by a tone of curt command and hinted threats. He says he thinks it is remarkable that a note "based upon trustworthy information" and "apparent" facts contains opinions, juogements and demands of specific and a most harsh character.

Ideal, They Declare.

General business and financial conditions in Kansas are being discussed today at a special meeting of the executive council of the Kansas Bankers' convention. Twenty well known bankers are attending the meeting and banking interests from every section

His Country Well.

London, Dec. 15.—Viscount Alverson account fired upon her, whereas a few sentences later "the ship apparently neither offered resistance not attempted to escape," the note in addition interests from every section and the second of the control of the circumstances of the case as quite superficial and even contradictory. He sees a contradiction particularly in the fired that the note alleges the Ancoma tried to escape because the submarine fired upon her, whereas a few sentences later "the ship apparently neither offered resistance not attempted to escape," the note in additional fired that the note alleges the Ancoma tried to escape because the submarine fired upon her, whereas a few sentences later "the ship apparently neither offered resistance not attempted to escape," the note in additional fired that the note alleges the Ancoma tried to escape because the submarine fired upon her, whereas a few sentences later "the note alleges the Ancoma tried to escape because the submarine fired upon her, whereas a few sentences later "the note alleges the Ancoma tried to escape because the submarine fired to escape because the submarine fired to escape because the submarine fired to escape." The note in additional fired to escape because the submarine fired to escape. The note in additional fired that the note alleges the Ancoma tried to escape. The note in additional fired to escape because the submarine fired to escape. The note in additional fired that the note alleges the Ancoma tried to escape because the submarine fired to escape because the submarine fired to escape. The note in additional fired that the note alleges the Ancoma tried to escape of the submarine fired to escape of the submarine fired that the note alleges the

tances.

The true explanation of this is, therefore, that the note is political rather than an attempt to treat the case objectively, declares the count.

Rome Papers Print Note; Silent

Action May Be Brought Against Socialist State Chairman.

Kansas Convention Elects Officers and Names Committees.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 15.—The state convention of the Socialist party to-day awaited the report of a committee appointed to investigate charges that George W. Snyder of Cherokee county, state chairman, had supported candidates of another political party during a recent campaign. It was expected discussion of the committee report would come up on the floor of the convention.

a Slight Fever.

London Dec. 15.—King Constantine of Greece has contracted a mild influenza with symptoms of a slight fever, according to the Athens correspondent of the Daily Chronicle.

The court physicians are said to have prescribed that the king take a complete rest and abstain from participation in state affairs.

Oil Advanced in Ohio Fields.

Lima, Ohio Dec. 15.—An increase of five cents in all grades of local and Findlay oils was quoted by the Buckey Fipe Line company this morning and South Lima, \$1.33; Indiana, 31.48; Wooster, \$1.18; Findlay is Princeton, \$1.47; Illinois, \$1.47; Plymouth, \$1.33; Indiana, 15. Princeton, \$1.47; Illinois, \$1.47; Plymouth, \$1.33. Indiana, of Dozen Hunters.

12 DIE IN MAINE WOODS

Killing of 8,000 to 10,000 Deer During Big Game Season Costs Lives of Dozen Hunters.

Fig. Bangor, Me., Dec. 15.—The big game season in Maine ends today, and statistics so far as they are available indicate a kill of \$0.000 to 19,000 deer. There have been tweive fatuities to hunters, one from drowning and eleven by gunshot wounds.

GIANT AIRSHIP WRECKED

Super-Zeppclin L-22 Reported Destroyed and All of Forty of Crew Killed or Injured.

PECULIAR FACTS RELATED

ABOUT WELL-KNOWN FOLK
Chiengo, Dec. 15.—Senator J.
Ham Lewis, of plnk-whiskers fame,
used to be a stevedore and stock
yards laborer, and despite his
"pink uns" he not infrequently has
been compelled to show certain
would-be "kidders" that he can
"come back" with the "rough
stuff." He is an expert rough-andtumble fighter,
Detroit, Mich., Dec. 15.—Henry
Ford seldom wears a hat. Only on
the most formal occasions does the
auto king don a head piece while
he is in Detroit.

ABOUT WELL-KNOWN FOLK